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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE REFTTEL WITH J. TROUVEROY, CHIEF
OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
DUE TO THE VACATION SEASON, TROUVEROY SAID THAT HE HAD
NOT HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS OUR DEMARCHE IN DETAIL WITH
HIS SPECIALIZED STAFF. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES
THAT BELGIUM SHARES US VIEWS ON HOW THIS FALL'S CONSULTATIONS
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SHOULD BE CONDUCTED. TROUVEROY ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS

VERY WARY OF ANY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AIMED AT A "TAKEOVER" OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE GATT OR, NOW, COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS. HE ASSURED US THAT THE BELGIANS WOULD OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT BY THE SECRETARIAT TO GO BEYOND THE LETTER OF THE NAIROBI RESOLUTIONS.

2. TROUVEROY EXPRESSED LITTLE CONCERN WITH THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION. IN THE HISTORY OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS, HE SAID, IT IS ONLY THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED WHO KEEP ATTENDING THE MEETINGS, ANYWAY. WHILE HE AGREES THAT THE POINT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND, TROUVEROY DOUBTS THAT IT WILL REALLY BE A PROBLEM IN PRACTICE.

3. WE SHALL TRY TO OBTAIN FURTHER REACTIONS AS OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BECOME AVAILABLE. RENNER

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